



Manhattan Cat Specialists Pre-Adoption Application

Thank you for your interest in adopting a cat or kitten from Manhattan Cat Specialists. We are a full-service veterinary hospital, and not an animal placement service, however, we occasionally find ourselves with kittens or cats that need good homes. Our mission is to find the best cat for your family and place it in a lifelong, loving home. We hope that by taking the time to fill out this application, we can help find the perfect kitty companion for you. After you adopt, we will always be available to offer advice to help the cat/kitten adjust to their new home, and we are always ready to provide medical care as needed.

PLEASE READ THE NEXT PARAGRAPH CAREFULLY, IF YOU CAN SEE YOURSELF RELINQUISHING A PET FOR ANY OF THESE REASONS, PLEASE DO NOT CONSIDER ADOPTING A PET:

The National Council on Pet Population recently released a study in which the most common reasons why people relinquish cats to a shelter were listed. The top ten reasons for relinquishing a cat to a shelter are:

- 1. There are too many cats in the house already**
- 2. Allergies to the cat**
- 3. People are moving and can't take the cat with them**
- 4. The cost of maintaining the cat**
- 5. Landlord issues**
- 6. The owner couldn't find homes for the cat or its littermates**
- 7. House soiling problems**
- 8. Personal problems**
- 9. Inadequate facilities to raise a cat**
- 10. The cat doesn't get along with other pets. If you think any of the reasons on this list might be an issue for you, we recommend that you reconsider your desire to adopt a cat at this time, and wait until the issue is resolved before adopting.**
- 11. People get divorced or separated and no longer want the pets they had together.**

Personal/Household Information:

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Home phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell phone _____

E-mail address _____

Are pets permitted in your building? _____

How many hours a day will the cat/kitten be left alone? _____

Did you know that cats can live 15 to 20 years? _____

Are you willing to make such a long-term commitment? _____

If you are moving and the place you were considering didn't allow pets, what will you do? _____

For couples: If you are separated or divorced what would you have planned for your pets? _____

For singles: If you entered a relationship with someone who is allergic or does not like cats, what will you do? _____

Do you have screens on your windows? _____ Built-in or pull out? _____

Do you have a terrace? _____ If yes, is it enclosed? _____ Will the cat(s) have access to it? _____

Does your terrace have a screen door? _____ Do you have a backyard? _____

Will the cat(s) have access to the backyard? _____ If yes, what precautions will you take? _____

Will your new cat/kitten have any contact with other animals, not counting pets that already are in the home? _____

Cat/Kitten Information

Name of cat/kittens that you're interested in: _____

Age desired _____ Sex desired _____ If you're requesting kittens, why do you want kittens and not an adult cat? _____

When will you be ready to take the cat/kittens home? _____

Do you have a cat carrier? _____

What will the cat's living situation be like?

- Cat will live inside with family as a pet
- Cat will live mainly inside, but will have access to outdoors
- Cat will live outdoors nearly all of the time
- Cat will be a mouser indoors and outdoors
- Other situation. Explain _____

Can Manhattan Cat Specialists call you in the future for reports on the cat/kittens that you adopt from us? _____

If this adoption doesn't work out, do you agree to return the cat/kittens to *Manhattan Cat Specialists only*? _____

Employment Information:

Employer _____

Occupation _____ How long with this company? _____

Employer address, city, state _____

Employer phone number _____

Name and phone number of a business reference _____

Does your job require extensive travel? _____ If yes, who will take care of your pets while you're gone? _____

Who takes care of the household pets now? _____

Who will be responsible for the new cat/kittens? _____

What arrangements will you make for your pet in case of an emergency? _____

Personal reference (someone who knows you and your history with animals) _____

Do you have a spouse, partner roommate, or children living at your home? _____

Please specify _____ How old are they? _____ Is anyone in the household allergic to animals? _____ Does anyone in the household smoke? _____

History with Pets:

Have you had pets before? _____ If yes, specify: _____

If yes, for how long? _____ Where are they now? _____

Have you ever relinquished a pet for adoption, and if so, why? _____

Are there pets in the home now? _____ if yes, what kind? _____

Are your current pets spayed or neutered? _____ If not, why not? _____

Do you agree to have your new cat/kittens spayed or neutered if not already? _____

If not, why? _____

Are your current pets up to date on vaccinations? _____ Are any of your current cats Feline Leukemia Virus positive or Feline Immunodeficiency Virus positive? _____

Do you currently have a veterinarian? Please provide the name of the veterinary practice and phone number _____

The above information is true and I authorize Manhattan Cat Specialists to contact those references listed above. I understand that the completion of this form is the first step in the adoption process and doesn't necessarily guarantee adoption. Manhattan Cat Specialists reserves the right to make an in-home screening visit, if an adoption takes place, to ensure that a hazard-free home is provided. I agree to pay the non-refundable adoption fee, which varies depending on the cat/kittens adopted and the services performed to date. The adoption fee covers the required FeLV/FIV test, fecal exams, dewormings, vaccinations, spay/neuter, and physical examinations for the first 6 months of life. After that, any additional medical expenses are the adopter's responsibility.

Signature _____ Date _____

You may leave this application at the front desk of Manhattan Cat Specialists, or fax it to us at (212) 721-5637. If we do not have the perfect cat for you at the moment, we will keep your application on file and continue to search for you.